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1. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS AGAINST FILING OF FORMAL PROTEST AT THIS TIME ON BEHALF FIRESTONE. WE STILL AWAITING RESPONSE TO OUR JULY 14 DEMARCHE ON TORRINGTON CASE WHICH ALSO IMPLIED OUR CONCERN ABOUT TREATMENT FOR ALL U.S. INVESTMENT. LACK OF RESPONSE THUS FAR PROBABLY DUE TO FALL OF FOURTH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AND DISCUSSION OF REORGANIZATION OF REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. KEY MINISTERS HAVE RESIGNED AND SUBSECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDUSTRIAL ADMINISTRATION INFORMED TORRINGTON LAWYER ON JULY 24 THAT NO DECISION ON CASE WAS POSSIBLE UNTIL NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT IN POWER. ONCE NEW GOVERNMENT IS INSTALLED, EMBASSY WILL REQUEST RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE AND RESOLUTION OF DISPUTE.

2. WITH RESPECT TO SPECIFICS OF FIRESTONE LOCK-IN OF JULY 16, EMBASSY INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY LATE THAT NIGHT AND REQUESTED ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY ALSO ATTEMPTED CONTACT LABOR MINISTRY THAT NIGHT BUT DID NOT REQUEST HELP FROM POLICE OR MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN DEFERENCE TO WISHES OF FIRESTONE MANAGER (REFTEL B) FIRESTONE PROBLEM ALSO BROACHED WITH LABMIN COSTA

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